

MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE

Thursday March 8, 2012 at 12:00 PM

City Hall, 828 Center Avenue, Sheboygan Wisconsin
Third Floor Conference Room

Present: Kevin Sampson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Aaron Brault, Greg Ryan, Scott Versey, Ted Vallis, John Hill, Laura Gumm, Jennifer Lehrke,

Excused: Tom Holtan, Amy Peterson, Pete Pittner, Scott Hanson, David Kuckuk

Chairperson Scott Versey called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. (quorum present) and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Jan. 12, 2012 minutes were approved.

1. Focus Groups:

Energy (Ted Vallis, Laura Gumm, Jennifer Lehrke, Mark Pawasarat, and Scott Versey) – Scott Versey reported that he will be issuing a resolution to the Council at their first meeting in April, 2012 establishing the base lines for the city's energy usage based on the focus group's research. He will be asking for further city action to go beyond those baselines. Scott will email the document to the Task Force before it is presented to Council. Jennifer Lehrke will also do a presentation at the public forum for that Council meeting.

Water & Natural Resources (Scott Hanson, Vickie Hall, and Pete Pittner) – no report

Transportation & Planning (Aaron Brault, Tom Holtan, and David Kuckuk) – Aaron Brault reported that their committee will also be presenting a maximum parking ordinance to city planning and development and will present a final draft at the next meeting. The Task Force hopes planning and development personnel will attend the next meeting to give input.

Bike racks are being installed this spring all over the county.

Education & Promotion (Greg Ryan, Amy Petersen, John Hill and Jeanne Kliejunas) – In order to educate the public more about recycling benefits to the city, Jeanne Kliejunas suggested the following questions be run on THE SHEBOYGAN PRESS Online Poll: (The Press is willing to run these questions.)

Does recycling cost the City of Sheboygan more money or does it save the city money?

(Jeanne will get the actual rate differences from DPW so that those who answer will know that recycling saves the city money.)

How does the new "garbage fee" influence your attitude toward recycling?

- I will recycle less.

- No change in my recycling habits

- I will recycle more.

Greg Ryan also simplified his recycling survey which the focus group hopes to run in the schools during April – Earth Month. If students take the survey in class and/or take it home to their parents, it is hoped that those who participate will have a better understanding of what can be recycled in Sheboygan.

2. Member replacement from UW Extension, LTC or UW Sheboygan – Kevin Struck of UW Extension has been suggested to replace Jeff Goins, but no official action has been taken due to the change of mayors. All Task Force members were asked to state their intentions of staying on the Task Force to Mayor Van Akkeren by the end of March, 2012 before committee members are appointed for the new Common Council term.

3. Report of Committee to Council – Education and Promotion will have a report ready by next meeting.

4. Next meeting – May 10, 2012 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 PM

Respectfully submitted
Jeanne Kliejunas, Secretary